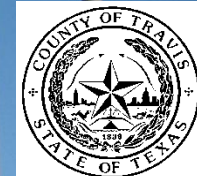




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# **PIWFF's**

## **Public Interactive Water Features & Fountains**

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## Public Interactive Water Features and Fountains (PIWFFs, also known as “splash pads”)

- The City of Austin has seen an increase in the public and private construction and use of these types of facilities.
- PIWFF’s may run a higher risk of water contamination; i.e., cryptosporidium.
- TX Administrative Code §265.306 mandates that permitting, inspection and suspension of operations may be administered by local Health Authority, and specifies required certification and training for operators, warning signage, turnover rates, primary and supplemental means of disinfection, provisional water testing.
- Incorporate into Austin City Code Ch. 10-7 Pools and Spas.
- Department Goal: To serve as a model for innovative, effective and sustainable public health practices.

